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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2011
THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
B.A./B.ED. I/IDE

TITLE OF PAPER : **PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION**

COURSE NUMBER : **TRS101/IDE-TRS101**

TIME ALLOWED : **TWO (2) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS : **1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS, AT
LEAST ONE QUESTION MUST BE
ATTEMPTED FROM EACH SECTION.**

**2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 20
MARKS.**

TOTAL MARKS : **60**

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Section A

1. Explain the following definitions of religion and assess their contributions to the understanding of religious phenomena:
 - (i) "Religion is a mystery, at once awesome and attractive."
 - (ii) "Religion is ultimate concern."
2. What do religious scholars mean by the term "myth"? Giving relevant examples, explain the importance of myth to committed followers of the religions of the world.
3. Explain the main features of phenomenological approaches to the study of religion and comment on their importance.

Section B

4. Describe the central beliefs and moral teachings of **one** of the following religions:
 - (i) African Indigenous Religions
 - (ii) Hinduism
 - (iii) Buddhism
5. Explain what Islam and the Baha'i Faith have in common and where they differ.
6. Drawing examples from the religions of the world that you have studied, explain the importance of religion in human society. -